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SUBJ: FORMATION OF A CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE IN DANANG TO SUPPORT  
GVN AND AID REFUGEES

1. NGO DONG, YOUNG DYNAMIC RECTOR OF DANANG'S NEWLY-ESTABLISHED BUT NOW CLOSED QUANG DA COMMUNITY COLLEGE, TOLD CONGEN POLOFF MARCH 21 THAT HE AND SEVERAL OTHER PROMINENT DANANG CITIZENS ARE FORMING A COMMITTEE TO MOBILIZED THE PUBLIC. OTHER FOUNDERS INCLUDE: LT. COL. NGUYEN KIM TUAN (AUTHOR "DUY LAM"), WHO AS A FORMER OFFICIAL OF THE MR-1 COMMUNITY SECURITY AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COORDINATION CENTER HAS EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND IN REFUGEE WORK, IS A MEMBER OF PRESIDUM OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE, AND WHO MAINTAINS A NUMBER OF LINKS WITH VNQDD BRANCHES IN THIS REGION; NGUYEN RO, FORMER VIS CHIEF FOR MR-1; AND DR. THAI CAN, A WELL-KNOWN POET AND PHYSICIAN.

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2. DONG SAID THE GROUP HAD ALREADY MET WITH DANANG MAYOR

COL. DAO TRONG TUONG. INVITATIONS HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO LOCAL POLITICAL AND CIVIC FIGURES TO MEET EVENING OF MARCH 21 FOR FURTHER PLANNING. DONG HOPES COMMITTEE WILL BE PROPERLY FORMED AT THAT TIME AND CAN MEET WITH LT. GEN. NGO QUANG TRUONG MARCH 22 TO DISCUSS PROGRAM.

3. NGO DONG, WHO WAS VERY ACTIVE IN PEOPLE'S SELF DEFENSE FORCES IN HUE DURING TET MAU TAN WHILE A PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY, ENVISIONS ORGANIZING COLLEGE STUDENTS FIRST, AND THEN EXPANDING TO OTHER SEGMENTS OF POPULATION. HE INITIALLY HOPES TO DIVIDE STUDENTS INTO SUPPLY CORPS, SOCIAL WORKER CORPS, PSDF, AND PUBLIC HEALTH CORPS, GIVING MOST OF THEM THREE DAYS OF TRAINING AND CONCENTRATING ON REFUGEE RELIEF.

4. DONG ALSO WISHES TO EMPHASIZE MORALE-BOOSTING INFORMATION AND PROPAGANDA PROGRAM AMONG THE PEOPLE. IN ADDITION, HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO SUGGEST THAT COMMITTEE SEND TELEGRAMS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC FIGURES AND BODIES SUCH AS U.S. AMBASSADOR, CONGRESS, ETC. FRANCIS  
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